
How are shares in a corporation issued?

- a. *Authorized shares*: The maximum number of shares the corporation will be able to sell for the life of the corporation.
 - i. Shareholders can approve by amendment the issuing of more shares.
- b. *Issued shares*: The total number of authorized shares which have been sold.
 - i. Par value is the minimum amount that the board can lawfully accept as payment for stock.
- c. *Outstanding shares*: The number of shares that are sold and remain owned by shareholders.
 - i. Example: If the corporation buys back shares, they are no longer outstanding.